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APPLICANT : Paulus Hubertus Andreas Quax et al.  
FILED : Concurrently Herewith  
FOR : Test Animal for Atherosclerosis Model and  
Methods for Testing and Screening

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as  
follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please add the following abstract.

--Abstract of the Disclosure

A test animal useful in an animal model system for  
atherosclerosis, wherein the test animal is a no-human mammal  
susceptible to the induction of atherosclerosis which carries a  
vessel-restricting device applied to at least one of its blood  
vessels. A method for testing the (anti-)atherosclerotic effect  
of a substance, diet or treatment in an animal model system for  
atherosclerosis, comprising subjecting a test animal according  
to the invention to a test treatment with the substance, diet or